

# **NH Tidal Energy Commission Meeting Minutes**

NH Fish & Game Department Region 3 Office, Durham, NH  
November 2, 2007, 1:00 PM

## **Members:**

Rep. Thomas Fargo, Co-Chair, City of Dover  
Ken Baldwin, Co-Chair, UNH  
Ted, Diers, Vice-Chair, NH Coastal Program  
Rep. Marcia Moody, Newmarket  
Nancy Borden, Public Appointee  
Cynthia Copeland, NHEP (Strafford Regional Planning Commission)  
Brian Giles, NH Estuaries Project  
Joel Harrington, The Nature Conservancy  
Michael Harrington, Public Utilities Commission  
Jack Pare, Town of Newington  
Tracy Shattuck, PDA - Division of Ports and Harbors  
Eric Steltzer, Rockingham Planning Commission  
Christopher Waszczuk, NH Department of Transportation  
Peter Wellenberger, Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

## **Other Attendees:**

David Funk, Great Bay Stewards  
David Kellam, NH Estuaries Project  
Kathleen Lewis, Public Service of New Hampshire  
Craig Yankes, New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association

## **Summary:**

The interim report draft is complete and was presented. The commission members discussed the four subcommittees and their respective issues. The list of issues and questions was updated based on this discussion. There were a few changes recommended to the draft report: 1) change the name of the Cost Benefit Analysis Subcommittee to Technical Feasibility and Costs Subcommittee; 2) change the name of the Wildlife and Environmental Impact Subcommittee to Wildlife and Environmental Assessment Subcommittee; and 3) list subcommittee members in the report. The commission voted to approve the report with these changes.

Co-chair, Rep. Fargo reported that he had spoken with the Attorney General's office regarding state ownership and control of the bridge and underwater lands. He asked them to attend the commission's next meeting for a discussion of these and other issues related to the work of the commission.

The commission then discussed the FERC process relative to the timing of the pre-permitting license. The commission discussed requesting an early determination from FERC relative to the feasibility of the applicants' claim to the area.

Co-chair Fargo will invite the two applicants with pre-permitting licenses to an upcoming meeting, perhaps in January to give updates to the commission.

Anyone with comments for the various subcommittees should send them to the subcommittee chairs who will report at the next meeting. The Coastal Program will compile comments and suggestions for the Permit Compliance Subcommittee.

The next meeting will take place on December 7, 2007 with meeting location to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.